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Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the discussion presented below and the amendments to the claims.

It is believed that entry of the amendments to the claims will place this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5 and 11 are proposed to be cancelled. These claims would be cancelled without prejudice to being presented in a continuation application. The objections to and rejections of these claims would be moot if the Examiner agrees to cancel these claims from this application.

Claim 6 is proposed to be amended as suggested by the Examiner in the final office action mailed on October 17, 2006. The Examiner stated that claim 6 would be allowable if amended to overcome the claim objection(s) set forth in the final office action. This claim therefore should be allowable if the Examiner accepts the proposed amendments to claim 6.

Claims 7-10 were cancelled previously. Claim 6 therefore will be the only claim present in this application if the Examiner enters the proposed amendments to the claims.

In view of the above, the Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed

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